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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR IZ  
SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF PALESTINIAN REJECTION  
FRONT AND ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY

1. ON MARCH 5, IRAQI NEWS AGENCY PUBLISHED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE PALESTINIAN REJECTION FRONT. JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWED A SIX DAY VISIT TO IRAQ BY A PALESTINIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. SAMIR GHOU SHA, WHO WAS REFERRED TO AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRONT'S CENTRAL LEADERSHIP.

2. COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNED ATTEMPTS "TO IMPLICATE PALESTINIANS IN THE CONSPIRACY OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" AND WARNED AGAINST "THE SLIPPING OF ANY PALESTINIAN PARTY INTO PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A SETTLEMENT OR TAKING STEPS LEADING TO EXPLICIT OR CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IT."

3. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLED FOR "A SERIOUS STRUGGLE IN QUEST OF ESTABLISHING THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL FRONT INSIDE SYRIA WITH THE AIM OF FOILING THE SYRIAN REGIME'S CONSPIRATORIAL GOALS AND WIPE OUT THE REGIMES NATIONAL AND PAN-ARAB

DEVIATIONISM."

4. COMMENT: RESULTS TO DATE OF NATIONAL COMMAND EFFORTS TO CREATE REJECTION FRONT AMONG PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS ARE UNIMPRESSIVE. NAMES OF PALESTINIANS SO FAR ROUNDED UP ARE EMBARRASSINGLY OBSCURE. WHILE RESULTS IN TERMS OF NUMBERS AND PROMINENCE OF PALESTINIAN ADHERENTS ARE MEAGER, THERE IS DANGER THAT GROUPS SUCH AS THIS WILL ATTRACT VIOLENCE PRONE FANATICS WHO ARE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN TERRORISM IN HOPE OF DISRUPTING TRENDS AMONG MORE MODERATE PALESTINIANS TOWARDS ACCOMMODATION WITH ISRAEL. FACT THAT GOI AND REGIONAL COMMAND HAD NO PUBLICIZED CONTACTS WITH THIS GROUP DURING THEIR VISIT OFFERS SOME HOPE THAT GOI MAY NOW BE MORE RESTRAINED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO TERRORIST OPERATIONS OF PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS.

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